

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 53(b)  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

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This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:

**OPTICAL DEVICE, LENS AND OPTICAL ELEMENT FOR FOCUSING A LASER BEAM AND APPARATUS AND  
METHOD FOR ASSEMBLING THE OPTICAL DEVICE**

without a filing fee and/or without an executed inventor's oath/declaration.

This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

- An abstract together with  
27 pages of specification and claims including  
31 numbered claims and also attached is/are  
5 sheets of accompanying drawings.

- This application is based on the following prior foreign application(s):

**Application No.** 99830677.3      **Country** EP      **Filing Date** 26 October 1999

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respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application, and priority is hereby claimed therefrom.

- This application is based on the following prior provisional application(s):

**Application No.**      **Filing Date**

respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application, and priority is hereby claimed therefrom.

- Certified copy/ies of foreign applications attached.

This application is a  continuation/ division/ continuation-in-part of application Serial No. , filed

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Preliminary amendment to claims (attached hereto), to be entered before calculation of the fee.

Also attached.

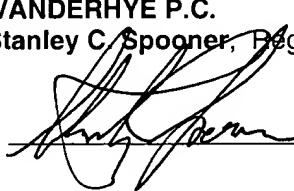
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